

calendar and get their bills out. Senator Johnson, this bill was taken up on March 12, 1985. That's January, February, March, now that's two and half months. Now if you call that rushing to clear the calendar, that is wrong. You are trying to cloud the issue, Senator Johnson, and you know that very well. So, now that we've taken care of one of Senator Johnson's big arguments, the second one is where does the money from this fund go, the interest money? The interest money goes to the schools. Yes, it goes back to the schools. Who needs money? The schools. So if you take some of the principle and you buy farmland the school income is going to drop. Now what are they going to do with the farmland after they've got it? They going to make a profit? No. I'm not going to harp on government, especially state should come in and buy farmland, because I think Senator Harris has already taken care of that issue. The state hasn't any business doing this, so I'm going to let somebody else take care of that. I wanted to bring up the point it wasn't a calendar clearing movement. We thought about it. We debated about it. We're having enough trouble with Initiative 300 now, who can own farmland and who can't, without getting the state involved into it. So I say to you, do not let this monster come to the floor. The committee made the right decision, they have for years, and years, and years because a committee bill has never been pulled from the Banking, Insurance and Commerce Committee, and I don't think we should start now. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers. Speaking order is Pappas, Lamb and Schmit. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I can't help it if a bill has never been pulled from the Banking Committee before. Maybe this body just never chose to act in that fashion before. But that doesn't mean that it isn't an issue we ought to talk about this time. We have pulled bills from other committees before. I'll tell you that I don't stand up to support Senator Johnson in this motion lightly because that is a difficult position for me to take. I think committees, generally speaking, should be more the other house and we ought not interfere anymore than necessary. But I would tell you that the issue of ownership of land by the government is a good, philosophical issue, one that is tough for many of us to deal with. The Agriculture Committee, today, is going to hear a bill along